February 7, 2022 - 16:00 COVID-19 Mandate Protest Operational Impacts Sit Rep

From: Irrelevant
To:
Cc:

Date: Mon, 07 Feb 2022 21:31:00 +0000

Protected A

Situational Report
COVID-19 Mandate Protests **Operational Impacts**
February 7, 2022 – 16:00

Background

On January 15, 2022, an Order of Council (OIC) was put in place to mandate vaccinations for commercial truck drivers crossing the border. As a result, commercial truck drivers around the country have organized and started protesting outside port of entries (POEs) by blocking roads and slowing traffic, along with a convoy of commercial vehicles headed towards Ottawa to protest outside Parliament.

Bottom Line:

As of February 7, 2022, CBSA is monitoring new protest activity at Ambassador Bridge and Carway POEs:

- As of 1555 ET: Ambassador Bridge POE reports all exits from the Ambassador Bridge have been blocked. There is minimal movement off of the plaza at this time. Trucks in the US are lined up approx. 3 miles on US Highway. Michigan State Police are diverting trucks to Blue Water Bridge in Sarnia, (BWB)
- At 1558 ET, CBSA Communications has issued a notification via Twitter to advise the public that alternate CBSA processing is available at the Windsor-Detroit Tunnel and Blue Water Bridge in Sarnia.
- On February 7, 2022, as of 1520 ET, Carway POE reports a convoy of approximately 22 light trucks and heavy agriculture equipment arrived at about 12:30 MT.

Upcoming protest events:

Upcoming Events		
ONGOING	**CONFIRMED**	**UNCONFIRMED**

· Ottawa – February 7, 2022, Parliament Hill protest continues · Coutts – North and South bound traffic is flowing with one lane open in each direction and gates are open. Protestors continue to line the highway north of the POE. · Windsor Convoy for Freedom 2022 – Ambassador Bridge, February 7, 2022 · Carway Convoy – February 7, 2022	· Ottawa – February 7, 2022, protests continue at Parliament Hill and downtown.	**CANADA:** **US:** · Washington, US Capital - February 8 and 9, 2022, US Freedom Convoy · Peace Bridge, SOR – February 20, 2022 · Pacific Highway, PAC – February 7, 2022 **EUROPE:** · Brussels - Freedom Convoy Europe 2022 (Unconfirmed)

US Protestors Identified at Port of Entries

· Reports received from CBSA POEs regarding Enhanced Vigilance Exams of potential protestors:

POE	Vehicle #	Enhanced vigilance exams (PAX #)	Direct Back	Allowed to Leave	Granted Entry	Comments
Pac Hwy Traffic, PAC	2	3	3	0		Wrong turns attempting to protest at Peace Arch Park.
Douglas, PAC	10	21	18	3		Wrong turns attempting to protest at Peace Arch Park.
Lansdowne, NOR	1	2			2	Journalists looking to document the protests in Ottawa. Provided necessary credentials and had equipment consistent with their stated purpose of travel.
Prescott, NOR	1	1			1	Unvaccinated Cdn citizen/US resident has been directed to quarantine by CBSA and PHAC
Sault Ste. Marie, NOR	2	2	1			· U.S. citizen attempting to join protest in Ottawa. · Feb 5: Cdn citizen expressing extremist views refused to comply with COVID entry

						requirements and ran the port
Total	16	29	22	3	3	

Atlantic Region

- No impacts to CBSA operations reported

Quebec Region

- Media reports on February 6, 2022, that Quebec City Convoy protestors have announced intentions to return in two weeks, coinciding with the end of the Carnaval de Quebec. No impacts to CBSA operations reported

Northern Ontario Region

- No impact to CBSA operations reported.

Greater Toronto Area Region

- No impact to CBSA operations reported.

Southern Ontario Region

Blue Water Bridge

- No impact to CBSA operations reported.

Ambassador Bridge

- As of February 7, 2022, as of 1555 ET, Ambassador Bridge POE reports all exits from the Ambassador Bridge have been blocked. There is minimal movement off of the plaza at this time. Trucks in the US are lined up approx. 3 miles on US Hwy. Michigan State Police are diverting trucks to Blue Water Bridge in Sarnia.
- As of February 7, 2022 at 1558 ET, CBSA Communications has issued notifications via Twitter to advise the public that alternate CBSA processing is available at the Windsor-Detroit Tunnel and the Blue Water Bridge in Sarnia.

  Twitter:
  Border Services SOR on Twitter: "Demonstrations are affecting border wait times at the Ambassador Bridge. Travellers are encouraged to reroute to the Windsor-Detroit Tunnel or Blue Water Bridge. Consult the Directory of CBSA Offices and Services to confirm hours. https://t.co/Hsg1rmukrH https://t.co/Nb7pDxv9p6" / Twitter
- As of 1430 ET US CBP is reporting a 60 minute BWT due to US CBP IT system issues for trucks entering the US.

Niagara – Peace Bridge

- On February 7, 2022, at 15:15 ET SOR reported there is uncorroborated information (reliability unknown) received from third party source in Windsor of a possible convoy headed to Peace Bridge for February 20, 2022.

Prairie Region

Commercial Traffic Volumes

# Passages (Persons)	2022-01-22	2022-01-23	2022-01-24	2022-01-25	2022-01-26	2022-01-27	2022-01-28	2022-01-29	2022-01-30	2022-01-31	2022-02-01	2022-02-02	2022-02-03	2022-02-04	2022-02-05	2022-02-06
	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Coutts Travellers	234	253	188	251	177	232	286	202	22	20	11	9	44	74	68	180
Coutts Commercial*	397	372	361	349	479	588	519	262	23	0	0	0	72	121	150	177
Del Bonita	0	0	43	8	19	33	25	0	0	186	225	173	224	172	0	0
Carway	47	78	29	21	24	28	30	35	211	127	132	97	90	81	139	161
Aden	1	0	0	1	2	0	4	3	32	11	17	8	13	14	14	14
Other Commercial POEs																
Regway	41	30	57	40	46	64	63	39	78	66	117	85	103	85	49	49
Roosville	72	150	105	70	143	146	146	99	271	223	167	169	187	155	131	226
North Portal Travellers	43	35	74	59	48	71	73	73	83	72	69	53	66	94	59	71
North Portal Commercial	335	258	205	290	316	393	377	334	280	223	268	458	426	305	322	351

- On February 7, 2022, as of 1500 ET, Prairie region reports that US CBP will not be continuing with the temporary expansion of hours at Del Bonita and Carway POEs effective February 7, 2022.
  As such, the hours will revert back to:
  - Del Bonita, Alberta – normal schedule from 09:00 to 17:00 hours (MT) – Monday to Friday;
  - Carway, Alberta – normal schedule from 08:00 to 18:00 hours (MT) 7 days week

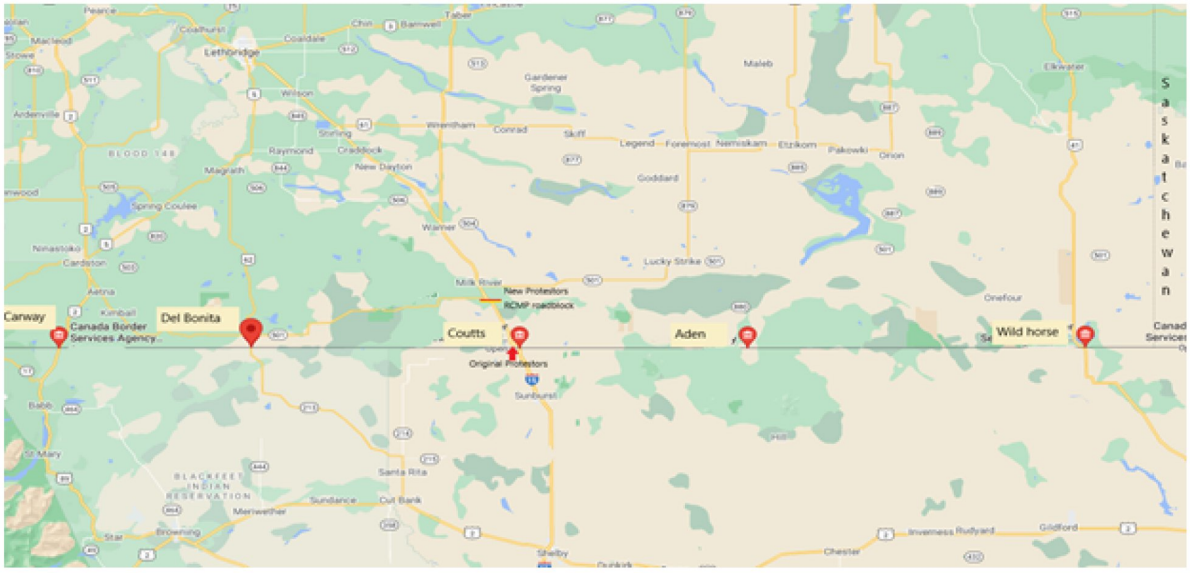
Carway

- On February 7, 2022, as of 1520 ET, Carway POE reports that a convoy arrived at approximately 12:30 MT Approximately 10 light trucks and 12 heavy agriculture equipment. Light trucks have parked at duty free. Large equipment has lined the sides of the highway and one parked in the middle of the highway at the end of POE that sits between north and southbound lanes.

Coutts

- As of February 7, 2022 at 0900ET, CBSA processing continues with no issues

Road map locations of Carway, Coutts and Del Bonita POEs, AB:



Pacific Region

- As of February 7, 2022, at 1500 ET, Pacific region reports a media outlet arrived at Pacific Highway POE at based on an anonymous call indicating possible protest activity at or near the

Pacific Highway POE expected to start around 0500-0530 PT. Currently there is no activity being observed. CBSA Intelligence is investigating open source references.

Intelligence and Enforcement

Intelligence Landscape
BLUF: At this time February 7, 2022 at 1330 ET, the overall threat to CBSA officers and infrastructure is low.

ANALYSIS:
General Threats

- No change to posture. According to the RCMP, no formal organized plot of violence has been identified. Factors such as the circulation of misinformation, exhaustion, substance abuse, altercations amongst protesters and with law enforcement and the influence of ideologically motivated actors or charismatic speakers may impact the temperature of the crowd. The potential for violence by a lone actor or fringe group cannot be discounted.
- The City of Ottawa declared a state of emergency at 16:15 ET on Feb 6th and OPS tweeted on FEB6 at 14:30 ET that enforcement is underway and "anyone attempting to bring material supports to the demonstrations could be subject to arrest". On Feb 6th OPS officers conducted an enforcement operation at the baseball stadium parking lot that's been serving as a staging area for the protesters in the downtown core. Police removed vehicles and at least one tanker of fuel that was stored at the Coventry Road lot.
- No update. Partners received reports that a member of the public who claimed to work for CBSA (unconfirmed) was at the Marriott/Hampton Inn near the old RCMP HQ and stated that she heard Queen Romana DIDULO/Queen of Canada was planning to bomb Parliament via the tunnel system. No other information was obtained as the complainant stated they had to go and drove off to possibly do security at the parking lot where the truckers have been staying all week next to the hotel. Vehicle plate was snow covered. Partners could not corroborate these claims at this time. RCMP INSET has been notified. CBSA NOR Intelligence continuing to monitor situation.
- No update. Demonstrations also occurred at the Ottawa International Airport. Airport Authority confirmed they were aware of demonstrators on the ramp on the departure level (3rd floor). CBSA was not advised of any implications. No operational impact.
- No update. Partners received information that an individual may be supplying weapons to protestors. This individual may have been previously imprisoned in the Yukon for weapons trafficking. Partners is undertaking OSINT to gather additional information about this individual.
- No update. OPS intelligence advise of a Discord chat "World Freedom Information Hub" which mentions that "convoy to ottawa and convoy east" have a plan in place and are organizing a new convoy to Ottawa.

POE Threats

- An ongoing analysis of SRT reporting, OSINT,s.38 [redacted] indicates that there are no credible threats currently identified for any POE.
- No update. Information from the RCMP, the media and social media indicate that the protesters at Coutts discussed moving to Edmonton, perhaps influenced by a number of United Conservative Party MLAs who expressed their support for lifting COVID restrictions. Currently the protesters at Coutts have not left the area and are continuing their protests at Coutts and Milk River approximately 20 kilometres north of Coutts. Media reports indicate that the protesters have brought in supplies to continue the protests at the current locations.
- No update. As of FEB6:2000 ET the Blue Water Bridge blockade has been completely cleared. As of 11:11 ET the convoy vehicles (farm and commercial) began to block all 5 lanes approaching the Toll lanes of the Blue Water Bridge on the Westbound side of the highway and blocked all traffic heading into the US, but, roads for entry into Canada were clear. SOR reporting at around 1840 indicated that other truckers who were being obstructed at the POE were growing upset and the blockade later cleared the area.

- SOR IEOD is monitoring a potential slow-roll convoy to take place in Windsor sometime this morning; uncorroborated intel via social media posts and chatter over Zello is that there will be a blockade at Ambassador Bridge. Vehicles consisting mainly of personal cars and some tractor trailers and one tractor as the lead vehicle, have been observed at 2 staging points with a total of between 70-100 vehicles observed. Social media posts are also stating that Windsor Tunnel will remain open for emergency vehicles. Windsor Police Service has set up at the intersection of Huron Church and College Streets, as well as having an increased presence near one of the staging points. Information is that there are semi's strategically placed throughout the county off of the 401 that are ready to join the convoy and that they are planning to occupy the area around Ambassador Bridge in a "bear hug" and shut it down. SOR IEOD is monitoring the situation.
- No update: Preliminary unconfirmed reports indicate a potential blockade at Fort Erie and Montreal starting on Sunday, 2022-02-06. The blockage plan is a co-ordinated effort by commercial trucks to block incoming laneways to CBSA and US CBP lanes at the POEs.

Ideologically Motivated Violent Extremism (IMVE)

- No update. According to the RCMP, while chatter encouraging peaceful and lawful protest continues to circulate, concerns exist that protest events associated with the convoy could be exploited by individuals who engage in or promote actions that pose a risk to public and officer safety. To date there has been one reported POE encounter with an individual expressing extremist ideology. On Feb 5th, an individual ran the port at Sault Ste. Marie after expressing support for QAnon influencer Romana Didulo: "Queen Ramona has lifted all the mandates. The Trudeau Government has fallen and the Alliance is in charge. Queen Ramona has told us to report anyone who enforcing these mandates." In 2021 Didulo supporters in Canada had hand delivered fake "cease and desist" orders to the Carson, Cascade, Paterson, Waneta, Nelway, Rykerts, & Kingsgate POEs. In 2021 Didulo urged her armed followers to kill individuals involved in administering the COVID vaccination program and also any individuals who enforce government mandated COVID restrictions or requirements for vaccination.

Other Threats

- Ongoing threat. The size, unorganized potential and general distraction of some these POE protests continue to create conditions where both criminal actors and migrants may use the events to illegally cross the border into Canada. This may also include protesters who wish to join events on the Canadian side of the border, but do not want to report to Border Service Officers.
- No update. US news sites are reporting that Facebook has removed the Facebook pages associated to "Convoy to D.C. 2022" being used to organize truckers to drive from California to Washington D.C. Media reporting states that Facebook has also removed the pages for the other planned US-based protest convoys originating in Texas and Florida. Social media and news websites in the US indicated that there is an online movement, which was focused on Facebook pages entitled "Freedom Convoy 2022", to organize protest convoys of US truckers from Texas and Florida which would converge on Washington D.C. with tentative planned arrival time in D.C. of February 8th. The organizers of Freedom Convoy 2022 reportedly moved their online operations to Telegram, with at least 28,000 individuals joining that Telegram page. There is no reporting at this time to indicate that the proposed US convoys plan to enter Canada.

Communications

- February 7, 2022, Communications reports two open calls asking about potential blockade at Detroit/Windsor. Response moving through approvals, with heavy input from regional communications.

Other Governmental Departments

Federal Cabinet meeting - February 7, 2022 at 13:00ET

- Minister Blair, Minister Mendicino, Minister LeBlanc, Minister Alghabra, Treasury Board President Mona Fortier, and MP Yasir Naqvi held a press conference on the blockades in Ottawa. Minister Mendicino stated that “he is very concerned about the ongoing situation at the Coutts border crossing in Alberta. Where a group of blockaders continues to impede access with important linkages to the United States. We are grateful to the work of the CBSA, the RCMP and other officials to ensure that those lines of supply continue to flow…But right now, for our government, the priority is to work together with our partners. We need to work with the provinces and the city of Ottawa. We have to support the excellent work of police services”.
- The federal government is calling for the trucker convoy protests to end, and are proposing a special meeting with provincial and municipal governments to plan next steps, including enforcing existing provincial sanctions.
- Minister of Emergency Preparedness Bill Blair said the federal government wants to strike a “trilateral table with municipal and provincial partners.” Blair said that this table would allow the various parties responsible for managing the standoff to keep lines of communication open and respond efficiently. Transport Minister
  Alghabra said that he will be speaking with his provincial counterpart to discuss enacting existing regulatory powers over the commercial trucking industry, including suspending commercial licenses and insurance for the owners of the equipment blockading streets for days on end.

- At 1303 ET, February 7, 2022, partner agency reported that there are minimal people on Parliament Hill; approximately 200 people on the surrounding streets. Police resources will continue take an enforcement stance to prevent fuel from entering the perimeter, when safe to do so.
- At 1235 ET, February 7, 2022, Transport Canada advised that the NOTAM over Parliament Hill has been extended until 16:00 ET, 14 February 2022.

This information is classified Protected A. IT MAY NOT BE DECLASSIFIED OR DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE THE ORIGINAL RECIPIENT WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF CBSA. If you have any questions or follow up requests for detailed information, please contact the Border Operations Centre Irrelevant

Ces renseignements sont classifiés Protégé A. IL NE PEUT PAS ÊTRE DÉCLASSIFIÉ OU DISTRIBUÉ À L'EXTÉRIEUR DES DESTINATAIRES ORIGINALS SANS LE CONSENTEMENT DE L'ASFC. Si vous avez des questions ou désirez faire un suivi de demandes de renseignements détaillés, veuillez communiquer avec le Centre des opérations frontalières Irrelevant